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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP NO.: 3732

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:  JORGE ABEL GROISO  Serial No.: 10/051,156  Filed: January 22, 2002  For: BONE STAPLE AND METHODS FOR CORRECTING BONE DEFICIENCIES BY CONTROLLABLY SUPPRESSING AND/OR INDUCING THE GROWTH OF THE EPIPHYSEAL PLATE	Art Unit: 3732  Examiner: PRIDDY, MICHAEL B.
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Mail Stop: AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 26, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

No extension of time or other fees are believed to be due, except as detailed in the attached documents. However, any extension of time necessary to prevent abandonment is hereby requested, and any fee necessary for consideration of this response is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account Number 50-1390.

**Amendments to the Specification: None.**

Recommended for Entry MBP 03/10/2005  
Entry Approved KPS 3/10/05